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BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

Municipal Offices,  
June, 1962.

Mr Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1961 including a report on the Port Health Area.

The mid-year population was estimated to be 12,950 being an increase of 470 on the previous year, while the corrected birth and death rates of 17.0 and 12.0 respectively are to be compared with that of England and Wales which are 17.4 and 12.0. Eight infant deaths occurred of which five were in the first week and seven of the total were either due to prematurity or congenital defects.

The heavy incidence of infectious diseases was due to 526 cases of measles out of a total of 555 notifications.

There have been no cases of poliomyelitis notified since 1957 and a major step forward in prophylaxis occurred during the year with the introduction of the oral vaccine. All persons from 6 months to 40 years of age can be effectively vaccinated by taking three doses of the oral vaccine on lump sugar at intervals of 4 - 8 weeks. It is also anticipated that a measles vaccine may be available within a few years and this will be greatly appreciated by parents because the disease, though generally mild in character, is highly infectious during epidemic periods causing disruption of home and school life.

The number of Tuberculosis notifications keeps low and for the fourth consecutive year there have been no deaths attributed to the disease.

The Council are to be congratulated on inaugurating a pilot scheme of paper sack refuse collection which it is hoped will be extended to the whole Borough. The members are well aware of the public health advantages of the system.

Proposals for repairs and new works at the slaughterhouse by a wholesaler of meat will, when in full production require the staff to put in the equivalent of about three days meat inspection each week.

The offensive trades again during the year caused many complaints especially from a neighbouring village and I wish to express my thanks to Dr Hockin, H.M. Alkali Inspector for his expert advice.

I must thank the small Public Health staff for their courtesy and keen-

ness throughout the year and especially Mr R. A. O. Bampton on whose ability and tact I must necessarily put much reliance.

I also wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their tolerance and suggestions throughout the year.

I am,  
Your obedient Servant,

J. T. MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health

## SECTION I

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

#### CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall during the year was 21 inches as compared with 35.19 inches in 1960 and 24.6 inches in 1959.

Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A".

#### AREA

The Borough of Faversham covers an area of 3,070 acres, and includes the villages of Davington, Ospringe and Preston.

#### POPULATION

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1961 as 12,950 an increase of 470 from the estimated population for the previous year, i.e. 12,480.

#### NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1961 was 4,724 as compared with 4,644 at the end of 1960. Towards this increase 76 houses were provided by the Council, and 26 were constructed privately. During the year 22 houses were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was 80.

#### RATEABLE VALUE

£171,271 compared with £167,417 on the 31st December, 1960.

#### SUM REPRESENTED BY THE PENNY RATE

£693 16s. Od., compared with £664 10s. 8d., for the financial year 1960/61.

## SECTION II

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### LIVE BIRTHS

				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	112 (107)	93 (121)	205 (228)
Illegitimate	...	...	...	4 ( 4)	4 ( 4)	8 ( 8)
				— —	— —	— —
	<u>TOTALS</u>			<u>116 (111)</u>	<u>97 (125)</u>	<u>213 (236)</u>

#### BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate per 1,000 population .....	16.4	(18.9)
The corrected birth rate .....	17.0	(19.7)
Rate for England and Wales .....	17.4	(17.1)

#### STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births .....	6	{ 5 }
Number of live and still births .....	219	{ 241 }
Rate per 1,000 live and still births .....	16.9	{ 20.7 }
Rate for England and Wales .....	18.7	(19.7)

#### INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths (under one year) .....	8	{ 6 }
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....	37.5	{ 25.4 }
Rate for England and Wales .....	21.4	{ 21.7 }
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births ....	39.0	{ 26.3 }
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....	-	(125 )
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 live births .....	28.2	(21.2)

Number of neo-natal deaths (first week) .....	5 ( 4 )
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....	23.5(17.0)
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births) ...	50.2(37.4)

#### ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births was .....	8 ( 8 )
This is 3.7% of total live births	

#### MATERNAL DEATHS

Number of maternal deaths (including abortion) .....	Nil
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#### DEATHS

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham.....	253 (233 )
The crude death rate per 1,000 population .....	19.7(18.9)
The corrected death rate .....	12.0(11.3)
Rate for England and Wales .....	12.0(11.5)
Average age at death .....	72.2(72.2)
Average age at death for males .....	69.6(71.6)
Average age at death for females .....	74.8(72.8)
Oldest death - female aged 97 years	
Number of deaths at Bensted House assignable to Borough .....	30 (46 )

The following table shows the age groups in which the deaths occurred:

TABLE I

SEX	Und 1	1 - 25	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	75+	85+	TOTALS
MALES	5	4	1	2	2	16	38	40	28	136
FEMALES	3	1	-	2	8	8	24	42	29	117

Table II shows the number of deaths, births and infant mortality rates since 1952 and Table III the causes of death during 1961 classified by the Registrar General under 36 headings on the abbreviated list of the International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Cause of Death.

TABLE II

BIRTHS				DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
Year	Illegiti- mate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant Mortality rate
1952	12	203	16.6	267	21.8	5	24.6
1953	13	191	15.5	232	18.9	4	20.9
1954	4	198	16.1	220	17.9	3	15.2
1955	5	190	15.4	227	18.4	5	26.3
1956	6	180	14.6	226	21.6	11	61.1
1957	6	223	18.1	258	20.9	8	35.9
1958	5	211	17.1	195	15.8	4	18.9
1959	9	199	16.0	206	16.6	3	15.1
1960	8	236	18.9	233	18.9	6	25.4
1961	8	213	16.4	253	19.7	8	37.5

TABLE III

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
2. Tuberculosis, other .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
3. Syphilitic disease .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
4. Diphtheria .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
5. Whooping Cough .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
6. Meningococcal infections .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
8. Measles .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach .....	5(5)	1(-)	6(5)
11. Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus ....	9(5)	1(1)	10(6)
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast .....	1(-)	3(4)	4(4)
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus .....	-(-)	3(3)	3(3)
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms ..	12(8)	5(7)	17(15)
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia .....	2(1)	-(-)	2(1)
16. Diabetes .....	1(-)	2(1)	3(1)
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system .....	24(30)	31(31)	55(61)
18. Coronary disease, angina .....	15(26)	13(13)	28(39)
19. Hypertension with heart disease .....	2(2)	3(-)	5(2)
20. Other heart disease .....	25(22)	27(28)	52(50)
21. Other circulatory disease .....	7(9)	9(8)	16(17)
22. Influenza .....	2(-)	-(-)	2(-)
23. Pneumonia .....	3(-)	2(3)	5(3)
24. Bronchitis .....	7(2)	1(4)	8(6)
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .....	-1	-(-)	-1
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea .....	-(-)	-1	-1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis .....	-2	-2	-4
29. Hyperplasia of prostate .....	-1	-(-)	-1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
31. Congenital malformations .....	-2	1(1)	1(3)
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	15(4)	11(3)	26(7)
33. Motor vehicle accidents .....	1(-)	1(-)	2(-)
34. All other accidents .....	4(1)	3(-)	7(1)
35. Suicide .....	1(-)	-2	1(2)
36. Homicide and operations of war .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
	136(121)	117(112)	253(233)

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during the year are as follows:

TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
Ia Prematurity	M	6 hours	Hospital
Ia Prematurity (10 weeks)	M	7 hours	Hospital
Ia Prematurity (10 weeks)	F	8 hours	Hospital
Ia Prematurity	M	2 days	Hospital
Ia Meconium Ileus b Examphalos			
II Prematurity	M	5 days	Hospital
Ia Cerebral Haemorrhage b Tentorial tear	F	1 week	Hospital
Ia Sagittal Sinus Thrombosis	M	3 months	Hospital
Ia Congenital heart disease	F	3 months	Hospital

There were eight infant deaths, five of which occurred in the early neo-natal period. None of the deaths can be ascribed to adverse environmental conditions.

### SECTION III

#### INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

##### NOTIFICATION

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1961 was 555, being 490 more than in the previous year, i.e. 65 cases in 1960.

Measles accounted for 526 notifications. All the cases were mild and all were nursed at home.

##### GENERAL

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to Hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table VI. Table VII gives a resume of the last ten years.

TABLE V

DISEASE	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	1	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Measles	7	220	296	3	-	-	-	-	-	526
Pneumonia	-	1	1	-	2	2	3	2	4	15
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	3
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1

TABLE VI

DISEASE	No. of Cases		Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
	1961	1960		
Scarlet Fever	10	15	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	29	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	-	-
Measles	526	12	-	-
Pneumonia	15	3	2	5
Tuberculosis				
Pulmonary	3	5	3	-
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	1	-
TOTALS	555	65	5	5

TABLE VII

DISEASE	1952	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61
Scarlet Fever	5	2	2	4	7	6	15	9	15	10
Whooping Cough	9	79	107	5	14	202	3	13	29	-
Measles	372	79	4	447	2	74	360	46	12	526
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-	-	4	1	4	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	15	18	9	17	18	23	24	27	3	15
Food Positioning	-	8	1	3	1	-	-	2	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-

## TUBERCULOSIS

### Incidence and deaths

Three cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, being two less than in the preceding year.

One case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified.

No deaths from Pulmonary or Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred during the period although three patients died from other causes.

Table VIII shows the number of cases notified and the deaths attributed to Tuberculosis since 1952:

TABLE VIII

YEAR	No. of Primary notifications received		DEATHS		Death rate per 10,000 population	
	PUL.	NON-PUL.	PUL	NON-PUL	PUL.	NON-PUL.
1952	20	1	3	-	2.4	-
1953	9	2	-	-	-	-
1954	6	-	4	-	3.3	-
1955	1	-	2	-	0.8	-
1956	11	1	-	-	-	-
1957	4	2	1	-	0.8	-
1958	4	-	-	-	-	-
1959	8	1	-	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	-	-
1961	3	1	-	-	-	-

## Tuberculosis Register

The number and types of cases at present in the Borough and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table IX.

TABLE IX

	PULMONARY		NON-PUL		TOTALS
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/61	31	20	4	3	58
Notified in Borough	2	1	-	1	4
Trans. to Borough	2	1	-	-	3
Trans. from Borough	1	1	-	1	3
Deaths	1	2	-	-	3
Recovered	2	1	-	-	3
Balance remaining on Register 31/12/61	31	18	4	3	56

## Clinic Attendance

I am indebted to Dr O. Clarke, for the following particulars regarding patients from the Borough:

- (a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended the Chest Clinic during 1961 (this includes contacts etc.) ..... 221
- (b) Total number of attendances during the year of patients in (a) above ..... 378
- (c) Number of patients from the Borough who received Sanatorium treatment during the year ..... 4

## IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

### Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccination against Poliomyelitis:

TABLE X

AGE GROUP	TWO INJECTIONS	THREE INJECTIONS	FOUR INJECTIONS
0 - 5 years	254	183	-
5 - 15 years	47	71	888
Adults	398	366	-

Tables XI and XII show the diphtheria immunisation, whooping cough immunisation and smallpox vaccination figures for 1961, based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer:

TABLE XI

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Whooping Cough Immunisation Primary
	Primary	Reinforcing	
1961	51	-	51
1960	104	32	104
1959	12	16	10
1958	12	10	8
1957	9	14	5
1952-56	28	100	22
1947-51	3	12	3
TOTALS	219	184	203

TABLE XII

Age at date of Vaccination	Number Vaccinated	Number Re-vaccinated
Under 1	109	- -
1	19	-
2 to 4	6	-
5 to 14	4	1
15 or over	1	-
TOTAL	139	1

## SECTION IV

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These Services include the Care of Mothers and young children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation, Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Help Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:

## Clinics and Sessions

- |  |  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
| (a) <u>Queen's Hall</u>  | <u>Day</u>   | <u>Time</u>      |
| Child Welfare .....  | Tuesday and Friday ....  | 2 - 4 p.m.       |
| (Immunisation and Vaccinations are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Friday afternoon, if required) |  |                  |
| (b) <u>School Clinic</u>   |  |                  |
| <u>Solomon's Lane</u>  | <u>Day</u>   | <u>Time</u>      |
| Anti-Natal Clinic and Relaxation Classes .....   | Friday .....   | 2 - 4 p.m.       |
| Minor Ailment Clinic .....   | (Wednesday ..... 9 - 10 a.m.<br>2nd and 4th<br>Wed. of month ...               |                  |
|  |  | 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. |
| Dental Gas Clinic .....  |  |                  |
| Dental .....   | {Tuesday ..... 1.30 - 4 p.m.<br>Thursday ..... 9.30 - 12 noon<br>1.30 - 4 p.m. |                  |

(c) Chest Clinic

South Road ..... Thursday (by appointment)

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at 44 East Street, Faversham, Monday - Friday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This Clinic is held every Thursday at 5.0 p.m. Appointments are made through St Augustine's Hospital.

SCHOOL HEALTH

The following is a summary of the returns for 1961 for the area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough, the Urban Districts of Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural Districts of Shepway and Swale:

Medical Inspection

(a)	Number of children inspected (periodic inspection) .....	5275
(b)	Number found to require treatment .....	760
(c)	Percentage requiring treatment .....	14.4%

Classification of General Condition of Pupils

No. of Pupils Inspected (1)	ROUTINE SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTIONS			
	Physical Condition of Pupils inspected			
	Satisfactory		Un-satisfactory	
	No. (2)	% of Col. 1 (3)	No. (4)	% of Col. 1 (5)
5,275	5,266	99.8	9	0.2

Dental Inspection and Treatment

- (a) Number of children inspected ..... 2,730
- (b) Number found to require treatment ..... 1,418
- (c) Percentage requiring treatment ..... 51.9%

Infestation with Vermin

- (a) Total number of examinations in the schools  
by the School Nurses or other authorised persons ..... 12,263
- (b) Total number of individual pupils found to be  
infested ..... 211
- (c) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom  
cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2)  
Education Act, 1944) ..... 65

SECTION V

REMOVAL OF AGED PERSON

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47

National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

Under the above Acts, an aged person was removed to Bensted House, on 16th January, 1961.

## SECTION VI

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### WATER SUPPLY

During the year there have been no major extensions to the water main within the Borough but there have been minor extensions to take in new residential development at Lower Road and continued expansion of the Davington Court Estate.

Thirty-four samples of water taken from the Faversham Water Company mains were all reported as of excellent bacteriological quality. Two samples taken for chemical examination were also reported as satisfactory.

Of a total of 4,724 houses ten houses and three factories still rely on wells or private supplies. It is to be hoped that when sewerage facilities become available for the three factories it will be possible to arrange a main water supply.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

During the year preliminary preparations of the Bysing Wood drainage scheme were completed and placed before the Council. The scheme was approved and towards the end of the year was sent out to tender. It is anticipated that the scheme will commence and be completed during 1962.

The survey of the sewers in the central area of the Borough was continued during the year in order to find out the degree of infiltration taking place.

Although there was no major extensions to the sewers within the Borough, minor additions have taken place in order to provide for the residential developments in the Davington Court Estate and Lower Road Estate.

During the year considerable trouble has arisen from time to time with blocked private drains and sewers. These combined drains may involve as many as up to twelve to fifteen houses. The difficulty arises in placing responsibility for the blockages and recovering costs when it has been necessary for the Council to undertake the work of clearing and cleansing these drains.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The responsibility for refuse collection and disposal rests with the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. During the year the tipping of refuse was transferred from the Preston tip to some of the disused workings of the Ace, Sand and Gravel Company near Ham Road. At one stage it was necessary to reopen the Preston tip for a short while owing to difficulties with access at Oare.

During the year a pilot paper sack collection scheme was commenced at one of the Council's housing estates. The purpose of the pilot scheme being to see whether this method of collection can be carried out satisfactorily in the type of area which is likely to be experienced in the Borough. Apart from one or two minor difficulties, such as animal damage to sacks, the scheme has worked well and has been appreciated by the tenants of the houses concerned. There is no doubt that from a hygienic point of view the case for a paper sack refuse collection scheme is overwhelming.

## SCHOOL SANITATION

No complaints have been received during the course of the year about the sanitary accommodation in schools within the Borough. The accommodation is well maintained and reaches a good standard.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The public conveniences are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. A report has been prepared on the overall needs and on the present position of public conveniences within the Borough.

In order to provide washing facilities in accordance with the Food Hygiene Regulations a proposal was placed before the Council that the public conveniences under the Town Hall should be closed and new lock-up facilities provided for the people who set up the food stalls within the market area. The scheme was accepted and it is anticipated that the Town Hall conveniences will be converted to the lock-up washing facilities during 1962.

### HOP PICKERS CAMPS

The two hop pickers camps at Westwood Court Farm and Queen Court Farm were again in use this year. The number of pickers continues to decrease and it is anticipated that before long no pickers will be coming to reside in the camps from outside the area. The reason for this is that the farmers concerned are converting over to mechanical pickers which only require a small labour force and this can be recruited locally.

### MORTUARY ACCOMMODATION

Mortuary accommodation is provided at the Cottage Hospital when required.

## SECTION VII

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### MILK

There were three premises registered as dairies, two of which have pasteurisation plants. They are supervised by the Kent County Council, being the Food and Drugs Authority for this area.

Retail licences granted during the year were 29, 23 of which were for the sale of sterilised milk.

As from the 1st January, 1962 retail licences will no longer be issued by the Borough Council as under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, this duty has been transferred to the Kent County Council.

The premises concerned will continue to be registered by the local authorities.

#### MEAT

During the year the Flood Lane Slaughterhouse continued to operate but on a reduced scale. It was used by the local Butchers Slaughtering Association for the supply of home killed meat to the Faversham area.

The total number of animals slaughtered was 1,503 which shows a decrease of 2,104 over the previous year.

During the course of the year the Slaughterhouse Report which the Council was required to present to the Minister was accepted by him and the operational date was then given as the 1st January, 1962. The slaughtering licence, which is in existence at the present time will not expire until the 31st March, 1962 so that, although the report becomes effective on the 1st January, slaughtering will be permitted under present conditions until the end of March.

A number of meetings between the local Slaughtering Association, an architect and the prospective purchaser of the premises have taken place during the course of the year.

The proposals of the local Slaughtering Association were that, as they had no wish to carry out the considerable amount of work which was required on the slaughterhouse they proposed to sell the premises to a meat wholesaler. This wholesaler said he was prepared to carry out all the necessary works and improvements to the satisfaction of the Council. Following these discussions firm proposals along with detailed plans were submitted by the architect employed by the proposed purchaser and these were placed before the Council after minor amendments had been made and were subsequently approved as satisfying the requirements of the Slaughterhouse Act and Regulations made thereunder. The premises have now been purchased by the person concerned and early in 1962 he proposes to make planning and Byelaw application for the scheduled repairs and new works.

The amount of meat and offal condemned during the year which was unfit for human consumption was 17 cwt. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Table XIII shows the particulars of the animals slaughtered and the numbers affected by disease of one sort or another.

#### OTHER FOODS

The various foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption were as follows:

- {a} 1,092 tins of assorted foodstuffs.
- {b} 10 chicken.
- (c) 2 cwts. 98 lbs of meat and meat products;  
4 shoulders ham;  
1 sows udder.
- (d) 2 cwts. approximately, shrimps;  
1 cod;  
6 bags whelks;  
1 case prawns;  
14 gallons shrimps.
- {e} 3 cwts approximately, mallow creams.
- {f} 2 cwts. 86 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. chesse.
- (g) 213 tons 4 cwts 4 lbs of fruit and vegetables.

TABLE XIII

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	182 (455)	1 (7)	11 (23)	313 (1092)	996 (2030)	1503 (3607)
Number inspected	182 (455)	1 (7)	11 (23)	313 (1092)	996 (2030)	1503 (3607)
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci: whole carcasses condemned	- (1)	- (2)	- (2)	1 (1)	1 (2)	2 (8)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	19 (96)	- (1)	- (-)	- (5)	64 (87)	83 (189)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	10.4% (21.1%)	- (42.8%)	- (8.7%)	0.3% (0.5%)	6.5% (4.4%)	
Tuberculosis only: whole carcasses condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	2 (-)	2 (-)
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1 (8)	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	19 (27)	20 (36)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.5% (1.7%)	- (14.3%)	- (-)	- (-)	2.1% (1.3%)	
Cysticercosis: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	- (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)
Generalised and totally condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

## PREPARATION OF PRESERVED FOODS

Thirty-three premises were registered for the purposes of fish frying, sausage manufacture, cooking of hams, etc.

## ICE CREAM

In all sixty-five premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. The ice cream is all pre-packed and the one premises on which it was mixed and frozen ceased to exist during the course of the year.

## BAKEHOUSES

There are five bakehouses in the district. These are kept reasonably well despite the cramped conditions under which they work. During the course of the year minor improvements were made by the owners concerned.

## FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the premises where food is sold or handled:

TABLE XIV

PREMISES	NUMBER
Butchers and Pork Butchers .....	13
Grocers .....	14
Fishmongers .....	4
Fish Fryers .....	5
Bakers and Confectioners .....	16
Greengrocers .....	13
Dairies .....	3
Cafes and teashops .....	9
Hotels .....	4
General Shops .....	45
Ice Cream Premises .....	65
Preserved Foods .....	27
TOTAL	218

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Adhesive Dressing ...	1
Anchovy Paste ...	1
Cheese ...	1
Concentrated Mint Sauce ...	1
Corned Beef ...	1
Custard Powder ...	1
Flaked Rice ...	1
Gin ...	2
Golden Pudding Mixture ...	1
Ground Cinnamon ...	1
Ground Rice ...	1
Ground White Pepper ...	1
Huffkin ...	1
Ice Cream ...	1
Italian New Potatoes ...	1
Malt Vinegar ...	2
Margarine ...	1
Marzipan ...	1
Mentholatum Rub ...	1
Milk ...	25
National Plain Flour ...	1
Newkley Cough and Cold Mixture ...	1
Pickled Beetroot ...	1
Pexadin ...	1
Rum ...	1
Self Raising Flour ...	1
Sponge Mixture ...	1
Steak and Kidney ...	3
Table Jelly. (Lemon)	1
Tea ...	1
Tinned Blackberries ...	1
Tomato Ketchup ...	1
Unwashed Raisins ...	1
Vitamin C Cough Drops ...	1
Whisky ...	1

SUMMARY of samples

Milks .....	25
Drugs .....	5
Spirits .....	4
Other samples .....	29
TOTAL .....	63

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With the exception of the following all samples taken by the County Sampling Officer were genuine:

<u>SAMPLE OF</u>	<u>ANALYSIS</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
Huffkin	Found to contain a nail	Legal proceedings were taken and re- sulted in a fine of £20 plus £5 5s 0d. costs.

## SECTION VIII

### GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS

#### DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

There were ten cases of scarlet fever last year and visits and disinfections were carried out where necessary.

One case of suspected dysentery was notified. Faecal specimens were obtained and submitted to the laboratory, the results were reported as positive. The case was then treated by the patients own doctor.

Two disinfestations for bed-bugs and six for fleas were carried out. In all 24 rooms were treated.

The total of 52 wasps nests were dealt with during the year, this was considerably more than in 1960.

During the late autumn many Queen wasps were seen in flight and the number of nests next year will no doubt increase. If these nests are reported whilst still small they can usually be dealt with by one treatment, otherwise it is often necessary to return after an intervening period to carry out further treatments.

#### PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two premises were licensed for the sale of pet animals during the year. They continue to be well maintained and are suitable for dealing with small animals and birds.

#### RODENT CONTROL

The same arrangements as last year, the department have the service of a part time operator from the Council's Highway Staff. Table XV shows the particulars of inspections and treatments.

During the year tests and baiting of the towns sewers was undertaken. It was found that only in parts of the town was there any rat infestation. The treatments carried out appeared to be successful.

TABLE XV

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Local Authority	Dwelling house	Agricultural	All other including business premises	Total
1. Total number of properties in Local Authority's district	23	4,724	17	447	5,211
2. Number of Properties inspected by Local Authority	10	87	1	32	130
3. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested by rats	11	91	1	34	137
4. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested with mice	2	36	-	10	48
5. Number of Properties treated by Local Authority	13	127	1	54	185

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The three factories continue to operate near Oare Creek.

During the course of the year many complaints were received about obnoxious smells in this factory area. Many of these complaints were received on days when the wind veered to the North. The causes for the complaints were many and varied.

At one factory Dr Hockin's recommendations were put into effect, that is the non-condensable gases from the condenser unit were passed through the fire bed of the boiler plant. This system undoubtably reduced the amount of obnoxious gases going into the atmosphere.

During the summer months the conditions were aggravated by the amount of stale, basic material which was arriving at one of the factories. This in conjunction with the high atmospheric temperature which prevailed at that time apparently swamped the condenser plant which was unable to cope with the amount of obnoxious gas being passed through.

Many meetings and discussions took place between the owners of the factories and your officers, as a result further modifications of the plant at one of the factories was agreed upon. This entailed altering the condenser plant and re-routing the final non-condensable gases from the condenser plant to discharge beneath the fire bed of the two boilers. It will not be known for sometime whether this sytem is satisfactory or whether damage is being done to the solid fuel boiler equipment, but already there are signs that the two boilers cannot cope with the amount of gas being passed through.

It will be recalled that in 1960 modifications to the condenser plant at one of the factories was carried out and it is pleasing to note since this time there has only been one complaint which can definitely have been said to have come from this factory. The cause of this particular complaint was found to be a faulty filter bed.

#### LICENSED PREMISES

During the year some progress was made in bringing the licensed premises in the Borough up to a reasonable standard of hygiene. The previous year it had been found that only four out of 44 premises could have said to have been satisfactory in all respects.

One of the brewers in the town has undertaken to carry out all the necessary requirements to make their houses comply with the Food and Hygiene Regulations and Public Health Act.

Negotiations are still in progress with the owners of the other main brewery, the outcome of which is not yet known.

## PETROLEUM

During the early part of the year all the licensed petroleum installations in the Borough were inspected. Only in one or two cases was it necessary to draw the owners attention to minor defects or infringements of the conditions of licence.

The recommendations and lists of defects which were sent out in respect of 38 installations the previous year have been completed and the further work required by the items referred to in the previous paragraph have now been completed.

Three carbide of calcium stores were inspected and found to comply with all the conditions of licence.

## FIREWORKS

During October and November a number of visits were paid to owners of shops selling fireworks. In general the regulations were being complied with and it was only necessary in two instances to draw the attention of the shopkeeper to minor infringements.

## SHOPS ACTS

During the course of the year a start was made on inspecting shops to ensure that they were complying with all the requirements of the Shops Acts. It was necessary to draw the attention of the shop keepers on most visits to the lack of display of the statutory notices. In general the question of hours of closing and hours of employment were being complied with.

## SECTION IX

### HOUSING

1. The following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year:

(a) Inspections of dwelling-houses for housing defects .....	174
(b) Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation .....	172
(c) Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense .....	24
(d) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied by informal action .....	36
(e) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal orders .....	2
(f) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made .....	1
(g) Number of houses demolished by formal action .....	21
(h) Number of houses closed under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 .....	2
(i) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957 ..	1

2. UNFIT HOUSES

Last year the five year slum clearance programme was completed and work has now been started to deal with the forty or so houses which are known to be of very low standard, and which were not included in the original plan.

### 3. APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENT AND CONVERSION GRANTS

Thirty-three schemes were submitted and thirty-one approved for which £5,310 was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme.

Nineteen standard grants were made to a total cost of £2,206 for nineteen dwellings.

### 4. PROVISION OF HOUSES

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since the end of the war.

TABLE XVI

YEAR	COUNCIL HOUSES		POLICE HOUSES	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	TOTAL
	Temporary	Permanent			
1946	50	-	-	1	51
1947	-	18	-	5	23
1948	-	53	-	10	63
1949	-	71	5	10	86
1950	-	61	-	11	72
1951	-	80	2	8	90
1952	-	66	-	7	73
1953	-	60	-	10	70
1954	-	72	5	3	80
1955	-	80	-	8	88
1956	-	52	-	5	57
1957	-	62	-	24	86
1958	-	42	-	26	68
1959	-	52	-	11	63
1960	-	38	-	41	79
1961	-	26	-	76	102
TOTALS	50	833	12	256	1,151

SECTION X

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Particulars in respect of Factory administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister, as follows:

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF		
		Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	3	1	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	114	12	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (including out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	118	15	2	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M.	By H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	2	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK

Section 110 - Nil return

Section III - Nil return

SECTION XIFAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the Port which for the sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz, (a) The Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) The Western Section (Milton Creek).

Section I - Staff

No change

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during the year:

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease aboard
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
(1) EASTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise, Lighters and Barges	120	77,715	Nil	12	Nil
(b) Foreign	47	48,916	Nil	3	Nil
(2) WESTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	262	24,714	1	6	Nil
(b) Foreign	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Lighters and barges	96	9,707	1	6	Nil
TOTALS	525	161,052	2	27	Nil

Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

- (1) Passenger traffic ..... Nil
- (2) Cargo traffic
- (a) EASTERN SECTION
- Principal Imports ..... Petrol, Crude Oil,  
Grain, Timber and  
Fertilizers
- Principal Exports ..... Nil
- (b) WESTERN SECTION
- Principal Imports ..... Coal, China Clay,  
Beans, Tomatoe  
Puree and Ballast
- Principal Exports ..... Cement and paper
- (3) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:
- (a) EASTERN SECTION
- Coastwise ..... Thames Estuary
- Foreign ..... Rotterdam, Antwerp,  
Ymiden, Bremen,  
Vlaardingen
- (b) WESTERN SECTION
- Coastwise ..... London and Bright-  
lingsea
- Foreign ..... Nil

Section IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Nil

Section V - Water Supply

No change

Section VI - Public Health (Ships Regulations) 1952

No change

Section VII - Smallpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Diseases dealt with during the year

Nil

Section X - Malaria

Nil

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

Nil

Section XII - Measure against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports

Nil

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease

No change

APPENDIX "A"

Readings recorded at the Borough Sewerage Works

Month	Rainfall (inches)		Temperatures (degrees)			
	1961	1960	Maximum 1961	1960	Minimum 1961	1960
January	2.62	2.87	51	54	26	21
February	2.5	2.10	58	61	32	25
March	0.02	1.77	66	59	30	27
April	1.46	0.77	69	65	49	34
May	0.35	1.77	77	81	35	37
June	1.63	1.66	89	89	44	45
July	1.08	2.3	97	81	48	48
August	0.74	4.81	89	80	48	46
September	1.72	2.31	82	79	40	41
October	3.33	5.9	72	68	32	34
November	1.89	5.23	61	62	28	34
December	3.67	3.7	57	54	17	29
TOTALS	21.00	<u>35.19</u>				

APPENDIX "B"PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VISITSPUBLIC HEALTH

Complaints re houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118
Other complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94
Re-Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42
Port Health Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Hop Pickers Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Atmospheric Pollution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Places of Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	129
Shops (non-food)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Miscellaneous Public Health Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109

HOUSING

Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Re-Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Verminous Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21

FOOD PREMISES

Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Dairies and Milk Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Food Preparation Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Market Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wholesalers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	248
Miscellaneous Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28

### FACTORIES

With Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Non-Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

### GENERAL

Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	593
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	143

### SAMPLES

Ice-Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Faeces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34

	Public Health Act	Housing Acts	Food & Drugs Act	Shops Act	Factories Act
Informal notices served	32	-	7	-	2
Informal notices complied with	19	-	7	-	2
Statutory notices served	1	-	-	-	-
Statutory notices complied with	1	-	-	-	-

## APPENDIX "C"

The following statement shows the various types of nuisances and defects dealt with:

### HOUSING

Roofs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Eaves gutters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Stairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Coppers, ranges and fireplaces										1
W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sinks and wastepipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Verminous houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

### FOOD PREMISES

Dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Food Protection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
First Aid Kits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Walls, floor and ceilings										7
W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Basins installed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hot water systems provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clothes lockers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tables etc. repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Sinks renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Streams cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1